



## Special Points of Interest:

- 18,392 customers served at ERC offices from January to March 2006 .
- \$248,000 grant award from Dept. of Labor for Partnership for Pediatric Acute Care with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital
- 193 students completed the Nurses Workforce Initiative (NWI) program and are working as RNs, Pediatric RNS, BSNs, License Vocational Nurses, mentors and preceptors in the Inland Empire. 311 students have been enrolled in this program since its inception.
- 108,530 users have registered online at WIN website since July 2005.
- WIB authorized WDD to negotiate a contract with National Economic Development & Law Center to implement the Self Sufficiency Calculator in the ERC offices. This online tool will enable staff to determine how much income a client needs to earn to become self sufficient without public or private assistance.
- WIB developing a self sufficiency policy for its WIA Adult and Dislocated Workers programs.

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# Workforce Development Department Quarterly Update

Provided layoff (Rapid Response) services for:

- General Electric in Ontario (90 employees), Allianz Sweeper in Chino (56 employees), Robinson May (99 employees).
- Employment Resource Centers (ERC) staff provided various workshops in both English and Spanish for laid-off employees:
  - How to prepare a resume
  - Interview techniques
  - General services offered at ERC
- Participated in Congressman David Dreier's Job Fair in Rancho, Vinnel ( Northrop Grumman) in Hesperia, Diversified Job Fair in Victorville, Barstow College's job fair and Morongo Business and Community Outreach Fair at Copper Mt. College in Joshua Tree.
- WIB approved customized training program for Advanced Manufacturing Skills. WDD collaborating with Chaffey College, San Bernardino Valley College and six heavy manufacturing companies to provide skill enhancement training for incumbent employees. Manufacturers participating are California Steel Industries, Tamco, Steelscape, Cause Electric/S&D Specialty, Stockmar Industrial, Inc., Advanced Innovations West and Mervyn's Distribution. The enhancement classes will lead to career ladder advancements for the employees and entry level openings for replacing their current positions. A minimum of 48 incumbent workers are expected to benefit.
- National Emergency Grant (NEG) – Temporary workers have repaired and improved approximately 175 miles of trail since November 2005 and over 1,300 tons of burn debris have been cleared and removed from the San Bernardino County Forest, County flood control canals and unincorporated sections of the County. The NEG program ends June 30, 2006.
- The WIB's website <http://www.sbcounty.gov/wib/> was officially launched in March. The website is accessed via the County's website <http://www.sbcounty.gov/> and from the Workforce Investment Network's (WIN) website <http://www.csb-win.org>.
- Disability Program Navigator (DPN):
  - Hosted a "Lunch and Learn" workshop in collaboration with the State Department of Rehabilitation and California State University of San Bernardino that incorporated best practices for servicing customers who have mental illness.
  - Facilitated monthly training for the Economic Development Agency's Business Resource Specialists on reasonable accommodations, effective communication and other employer-related disability topics.
- Reviewing Youth proposals for academic and occupational skill attainment activities to eligible youth under Title I of the WIA. Organizations to provide year-round comprehensive activities and guidance services to help eligible youth achieve academic and employment success for Program Year 2006-08.
- ERC staff conducted presentations at Adelanto City Prison and Desert View MCCF.
- Participated in Youth Survey Program with Department of Public Health